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DATE: 17 August 1954 50X1

FROM : [] 50X1

SUBJECT: Discussions with [] and FI Personnel Regarding
Format of [] Equipment to be Developed by Communications

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1. On 16 August General McClelland, [] met with [] to discuss several problems which had arisen in connection with the Office of Communications' production of [] equipment. One question had to do with the possible requirement for a [] set; it was determined that an exact copy is not required. Furthermore, it was agreed that the requirement is for the most rapid possible production of high-speed equipments, and that if existing agent equipment, such as the RS-6, could be fitted with the unique [] keying head, such an arrangement would be perfectly satisfactory. General McClelland committed the Office of Communications to produce six sets of [] equipment by 1 March 1955. One question raised by a member of [] staff had to do with the amount of tape required for message transmission in the [] system; it is suggested that R&D take a reading on this question so that we may be in a position to discuss tape resupply problems with the foreign divisions.

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2. The second question which we had hoped to resolve had to do with the possible return of [] equipment to the United States at an appropriate time in the development of the [] equipment. [] was unable to give an answer to this question. He, instead, referred us to [] (Chief, FI, []) and [] (presumably Headquarters, FE). At 4 p.m., 16 August, [] discussed the possibilities of returning the [] equipment to the States with the aforementioned gentlemen; a [] was present at this discussion. The Operations people are convinced that [] is a going operation and could not be jeopardized to the extent necessary in bringing the equipment back to the States for ten days' or two weeks' study period. They did agree that it would be possible for the [] Project Engineer to examine the equipment in [] if necessary. However, we agreed that this would be done only if unsolvable problems arose in the reproduction of the keying head. [] is going on leave but will be available for further discussions after 15 September.

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3. On 17 August it was determined that [] would contact [] of Logistics to discuss methods whereby the [] development could be handled by [] either on a negotiated contract or under our existing services contract. [] of R&D is re-working the sanitized []

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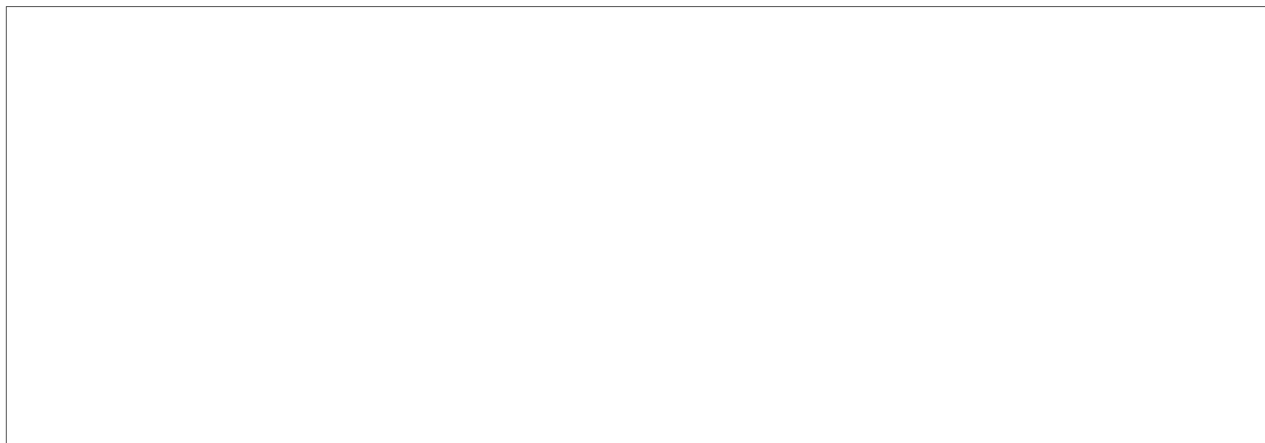
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file so that further and more detailed conversations may be had with [] in 50X1
the near future; such discussions to be held in abeyance until after 23 August,
when [], the R&D External Projects Engineer for [], will be 50X1
available to participate.



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